

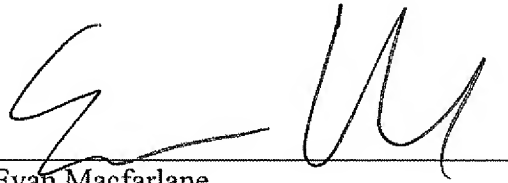
REMARKS

This Amendment is being submitted under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.312 to correct minor grammatical and typographical errors. Applicants make several minor grammatical and typographical corrections to the specification. Applicants also make minor grammatical and typographical corrections to the claims. Specifically, Applicants replace "at" in the phrase "by at distance" in claims 29 and 33 with "a" so that the phrase reads "by a distance." Applicants also replace "infra red" in claims 30 and 34 with "infrared." Applicants submit that these grammatical and typographical corrections do not alter the scope of this Application. Entry of this Amendment is respectfully requested.

Also, while the Reasons for Allowance recognize that the prior art lacks the structure described of claims 15 and 22 or anything equivalent thereto, the prior art also lacks the structure described in additional claims. For example, no cited references teaches or suggests the beam deflector described in claim 20, which has a reflecting surface perpendicular to a path of a beam emitted by the beam emitter when the coin deflection member is in the normal blocking position, in the activated acceptance position and in between the normal blocking position and the activated acceptance position.

Respectfully submitted,

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